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WILSON COLLEGE, situated near Chambersburg, Pa., has received a bequest of \$40,000 from the late John Lortz, to be used for the erection and maintenance of a natural science building.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY has received a gift of \$60,000 from Mr. Horace W. Charpentier, A.B. ('48), for the chair of pediatrics.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY has dedicated an assembly hall, erected at a cost of \$70,000, the gift of Mrs. Eliza Fowler.

THE University of Leipzig has received from the estate of the late Herr Puschmann, 500,000 Marks for the study of the history of medicine.

A LIQUID-AIR plant will probably be installed in the basement of the Ryerson Physical Laboratory, of the University of Chicago, during the coming summer, at a cost of about \$1,400.

THE Chemical Laboratory of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, at Troy, N. Y., was damaged by fire on the night of May 6. It is said that the fire was caused by an explosion of chemicals and that the loss amounts to nearly \$75,000.

THE British Chancellor of the Exchequer recently promised a deputation that the treasury grant to university colleges should be raised from £25,000 to £50,000 a year, and held out some hope that the sum might be raised to £100,000 next year. The following committee has been appointed to report on the allocation of the proposed increased grant: The Right Honorable R. B. Haldane, M.P. (chairman), Sir F. Mowatt, G.C.B., I.S.O., Mr. C. A. Cripps, K.C., M.P., the Rev. Dr. Woods, late president of Trinity College, Oxford; Mr. Henry Higgs, of the treasury, will act as secretary.

By a recent decree of Queen Wilhelmina the University of the Netherlands will recognize hereafter the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the following American institutions: The University of California, Catholic University of America, University of Chicago, Clark University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, Leland Stanford Junior

University, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, University of Wisconsin and Yale University.

THE trustees of Stanford University adopted on March 31 a form of organization which appears to differ from that of most universities by the creation of an advisory board. This consists of nine members, three being elected each year by the academic council or general faculty. All executive acts of general importance, including recommendations for appointments, promotions or dismissals, are to be submitted by the president to the advisory board for approval before they become operative or before they are submitted to the trustees for action, when such action is necessary.

A VACATION course in geography, similar to that of August, 1902, will be held at the Oxford School of Geography during the first sixteen days of next August, provided that a sufficient number of students send in their names. It is proposed to have courses of lectures, probably on the British Isles and on the principles of geography applied to education, and in addition to have classes for practical work both in and out of doors.

PROFESSOR ALBERT W. SMITH, of Stanford University, has been appointed director of Sibley College, Cornell University, succeeding the late Robert H. Thurston.

MISS BERTHA MAY CLARK, of Baltimore, holder of a foreign fellowship from the Woman's College of Baltimore, has been awarded the annual fellowship given by the Baltimore Association for the promotion of the University Education of Women. Miss Clark graduated from the Woman's College in 1900, was the holder of a graduate scholarship at Bryn Mawr College in 1900-1901, and was afterwards instructor in physics in the Woman's College of Baltimore.

DR. HENRY H. DIXON, who has been assistant to Professor Wright since 1892, succeeds him as professor of botany in Trinity College, Dublin.

Erratum: The note on page 774 of the last issue of SCIENCE should read "Johns Hopkins gives opportunity for professional work in connection with the Geological Survey of Maryland."